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## EDUCATION GOES ON

Registration for the 1917-18 school year at the University of Missouri has ended with the result that the enrollment shows a decrease of only 560, or less than 25 per cent. In view of the unusual call for war service at this most trying time in the history of the United States, Missouri can congratulate herself that her institution of learning has prospered so in number of students.

Answering the call to war service in any capacity is a noble act, and the University of Missouri has been exceptionally represented in this way. But, for those not eligible on account of age or otherwise, to continue their work of obtaining an education is the wisest and most patriotic step. The unusual demands of war call for men of education to conduct its affairs. But, first of all, there will be an extraordinary need for men of exceptional ability to act as leaders when the war is over.

President A. Ross Hill, in his first address to the students this year, urged them to put forth their best efforts in making this the banner year for Missouri in scholastic attainments. His statement that anyone who does not do so is proving himself a slacker, as much as the man who shirks his military duty when called, is true in every way. Let us hold up the standard of Missouri education during the war so that we may play our part in the great war and in the days after it is ended.

## WELCOME, T. R.

With the addition of Theodore Roosevelt to the list of contributing editors to the Kansas City Star Missouri augments the glory of its history. Mr. Roosevelt's opinions are weighty because they are backed by years of crucial tests and experience. His literary style is clear-cut, persuasive and forceful. There is no hedging about his ideas nor lack of frankness in their expression.

Quoting the Colonel recently in the Remarkable Remarks column of the Independent magazine appeared the statement: "I am a peaceful literary man." Though the quotation may seem ironical, there is a semblance of truth in it, for virtually all his productions have for their ultimate purpose the obtaining of a universal and lasting peace. It is his method of reaching this desirable end and not the end itself to which many persons object.

At all events, Mr. Roosevelt's writings possess a virility and freshness which stimulates constructive thought and the newspaper makers of the state are glad to have the opportunity of expressing themselves in the words: "Welcome, T. R."

## MOVABLE TRENCHES INVENTED

Marines Use Them in Practicing Hand Grenade Throwing.

QUANTICO, Va., Sept. 24.—Trenches that may be picked up bodily and moved around from place to place have been invented by United States Marines stationed here, who use this novel apparatus for practice in hand grenade throwing.

Sections, about 10 feet long, with a parapet that stands three feet above the head of the grenadier, form a skeleton framework of pine, shaped similarly to the regular trenches. From inside these portable trenches, or "stalls," as the marines call them, the sea-soldiers hurl the grenades over the top and into other stalls, placed about 50 feet away, to represent the enemy trenches.

The practice grenades are non-explosive, but are of the same weight and size as those used by the Allies. Long, rangy fellows prove to be the best throwers, as their greater reach helps them to develop the sweeping overhead throw that experienced grenadiers use.

## Club Luncheon Thursday.

A luncheon will be given at 12:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Daniel Boone Tavern by the Commercial Club to arrange for the annual meeting of the Missouri Old Trails Road Association, which will be held in Columbia Saturday, October 6. S. F. Conley, W. P. Dysart and E. W. Stephens will be the speakers.

## Dean Mumford at State Fair.

Dean F. B. Mumford left this morning to attend the State Fair at Sedalia, which is being held this week. Dean Mumford is a member of the State Fair Board and is director of the Horse Department.

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## Y. M. C. A. PREPARES FOR TROOPS

Seven of Nine Buildings at Fort Sill Nearing Completion.

By Associated Press  
CAMP DONIPHAN, Fort Sill, Okla., Sept. 24.—With seven of the nine Y. M. C. A. buildings nearing completion, the weary National Guardsmen sent here for training will not want for the comforts of a reading room, clean amusement and, if he desires, educational advantages, at the end of the day's work. Some of the buildings have come into their full usefulness by the soldiers already here.

Reading rooms, in which books, late magazines, newspapers and other periodicals are at the disposal of the guardsmen, are receiving increasing patronage from the soldiery. Chess, checkers and other games afford quick relaxation and diversion from the "grind" of a rookie's day. Planos and talking machines also are available for their amusement.

Writing paper, pens, ink and desks, however, come in for their share of favor, too. On one day less than two weeks ago, more than 1,000 letters were written in Y. M. C. A. recreation rooms.

When the full quota of Kansas and Missouri guard becomes established here, Y. M. C. A. officials estimate the consumption of letter paper at 20,000 sheets a week. One-half barrel of ink will be necessary during the like length of time. Five tons of ice will be required during seven days to quench the soldiers' thirst. Six motion picture shows will be put into operation this week, each giving three performances a week. Only the best first-run films will be used. It is estimated that within sixty days 250 such motion picture shows will be established by the Y. M. C. A. in the southern district.

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## U. S. EMBARGO HITS HOLLAND

Farmers Are Advised to Feed Willow Twigs to Cattle Instead of Hay.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)  
THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Aug. 30.—Gloomy pictures are being drawn here of the agricultural outlook in Holland as the result of the stoppage of fodder exports from America. The acuteness of the position has been enhanced by a poor hay crop, and the small farmer in particular is faced with the greatest difficulties.

According to the well-informed agricultural correspondent of the Nieuws Van Der Dag, cattle breeders are in great distress and cattle are growing lean in the meadows. Pig-fattening has come to a standstill. "If the supplies of fodder and fertilizers are stopped," he writes, "cattle-breeding and agriculture will go to rack and ruin."

"If the world market be closed to us—and this is what happens if we cannot export to Germany—agriculture and market gardening will receive their death blow, and not only farmers, but the whole nation, will suffer. The financial status of the country population will decline. Many of the small farmers have already reached the limit of their financial capacity, and are on the verge of absolute impoverishment. Matters have come to such a pass that the cattle have to be sold at half their original price. There goes the farmer's working capital, together with the profits. The whole nation is face to face with a bad winter."

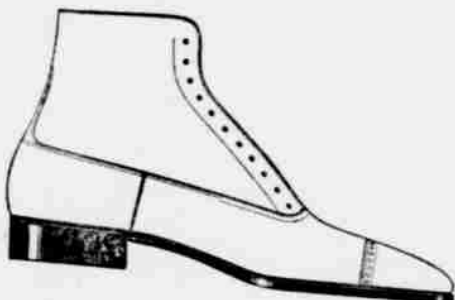
The downcast Dutch farmer is meanwhile advised by one fellow agriculturist to feed his cattle on willow twigs, asserting that the willows are readily eaten by the cattle, and that the animals thrive on them. "It save a great deal of hay," he asserts, "and if the cattle do not become fat—on the contrary, they become a little 'stringy'—they are perfectly healthy and strong. That shows, too, in the calves they bear. Small, wiry, strong calves are borne by cows that have eaten a lot of wood."

An official report just issued shows that nearly 42,000 acres less land is under crops this year than in 1916, doubtless partly owing to the shortage of fertilizers. There is an increase of the area under grain, but this is like a drop in the bucket compared with the overseas imports.

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